

## Message Text

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TAGS: TSPA, CE

SUBJ: NASA 428

REF STATE 195616, 193597 AND COLOMBO 2455

BELIEVE BRITISH SUGGESTION THAT NASA 428 FLIGHT STOP AT  
DIEGO GARCIA IS GOOD ONE AND WONDER WHETHER THIS POSSIB-  
ILITY HAS BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERATION. BECAUSE OF GENERAL GSL  
SENSITIVITIES, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR  
THIS FLIGHT UNTIL WE ARE SURE THERE IS NO OTHER VIABLE  
COURSE OPEN. WE RECOMMEND THEREFORE, THAT DEPT EXPLORE WITH  
NASA AND DOD POSSIBILITY OF NASA 428 USING DIEGO GARCIA  
AIRSTRIP AS BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN COLOMBO TO RAF GAN.  
THIS ALSO APPEARS FROM HERE TO BE MORE DIRECT ROUTE FOR AIR-  
CRAFT.

VAN HOLLEN

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